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EDINBURG MAN SENTENCED FOR FEDERAL DRUG VIOLATIONS

(Tyler, TX) United States Attorney Matthew D. Orwig announced today that a 34-year-old Edinburg man has been sentenced to 96 months in federal prison for drug violations in the Eastern District of Texas. **ESTEBAN ARTEAGA** was sentenced today by United States District Judge Leonard Davis.

U.S. Attorney Orwig was pleased with the sentence, "This defendant was responsible for moving a significant amount of illegal drugs into the Eastern District of Texas. His conviction and incarceration will make Tyler a safer, cleaner city."

According to information presented in court, Arteaga, a native of Pharr, Texas, conspired with his co-defendants to move shipments of cocaine and marijuana from Mexico to Tyler. On December 4, 2005, Tyler resident Bruce Lee was sentenced to a total of 230 months for possession of approximately 10 kilograms of cocaine, 200 lbs of marijuana and \$107,976. Arteaga admitted to supplying Lee with marijuana and assisting Lee in selling some of the cocaine.

This case was investigated by the Texas Department of Public Safety and the Federal Bureau of Investigation and prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Bill Baldwin.

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